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VPSS Adds to its List of Quarantine Pests for Russia

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Report Highlights:

The Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (VPSS) published a new list of 57 quarantine pests, adding to the Common List of Plant Quarantine Pests of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). The Common List came to force in the whole territory of the EAEU on July 1, 2017. Both documents will now serve as the basis for phytosanitary control of products of plant origin at the border of the Russian Federation and in the territory of the Russian Federation. As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Background Information:

On March 29, 2017, the Russian Federation notified to the WTO via G/SPS/N/RUS/139 that "The Common List of Plant Quarantine Pests of the Eurasian Economic Union" was approved on November 30, 2016, and that it will come into force July 1, 2017. From that time through the end of June 2017, the Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhoz nadzor, or U.S. abbreviation VPSS) regularly reminded traders that the Common EAEU Phytosanitary Rules and the Common EAEU List of Quarantine Pests will come to force on July 1, 2017, and will be the governing document on the issues of plant quarantine for all member of trade with regulated products (<http://www.fsvps.ru/fsvps/news/20348.html>.) FAS/Moscow reported on the EAEU documents in the following GAIN reports:

- [WTO Notification on EAEU Common Phytosanitary Rules_4-13-2017.pdf](#)
- [WTO Notifications on the EAEU Common List of Pests_4-27-2017.pdf](#).

However, on July 21, 2017, the VPSS released a [notification](#) that the EAEU Common List of Quarantine Pests does not contain 57 pests that are of quarantine concern specifically for the territory of the Russian Federation, and that VPSS considers it necessary to add controls for these quarantine pests. This VPSS requirement came to force on July 24, 2017; since that date, all regulated products that are imported to or moved in the territory of the Russian Federation are checked and controlled on the presence of quarantine pest that are in the Common EAEU List of Quarantine Pests, plus 57 quarantine pests that are not in the Common EAEU List. VPSS claims that because Russia has added these plant quarantine objects as a temporary measure, it does not contradict the Common Phytosanitary Rules of the EAEU. As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the WTO.\

The unofficial translation of the VPSS notification and the list of 57 quarantine pests are below.

VPSS Notification

Unofficial translation begins

Rosselkhoz nadzor/ News

July 21, 2017

On the Introduction of a Temporary Quarantine Phytosanitary Measure for Imports and Movement of Regulated Quarantine Products.

The Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance, guided by the provisions of Article VII of the International Plant Protection Convention (Rome, 1951, revised 1997) and the provisions of the Procedure for the Interaction of the Authorized Bodies of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union on the Introduction of Temporary Sanitary, Veterinary and Quarantine Phytosanitary Measures approved by the Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Union of May 16, 2016, No. 149, in addition to the List of Quarantine Pests of the Eurasian Economic Union, approved by the Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission of November 30, 2016, number 158, considers it necessary beginning July 24, 2017 to enter as a temporary quarantine phytosanitary measures the requirement on the absence of 57 quarantine pests that are of quarantine importance for the Russian Federation, according to the attached list, in imports to and movement of regulated products in the territory of the Russian Federation.

This is due to the fact that the Unified List of Quarantine Pests of the Eurasian Economic Union, approved by the decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 158 dated November 30, 2016, which came to force on July 1, 2017, does not contain 57 harmful organisms that were previously included in the List of Quarantined Pests, approved by the Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation of December 15, 2014, No. 501.

These harmful organisms are absent in the territory of Russia and pose a threat to the phytosanitary safety of the territory of the Russian Federation in connection with the possibility of their acclimatization and distribution, and are systematically detected in regulated products imported into the territory of Russia.

*For reference: in course of the phytosanitary control of quarantine products imported to Russia from 2015 to July 1, 2017, there were 43 cases of identification of three species of quarantine pests of quarantine importance for Russia (oriental fruit fly - *Bactrocera dorsalis* Hend., Peanut weevil - *Caryedon gonagra* Fabr., Brazilian bean weevil - *Zabrotes subfasciatus* Boh.).*

End unofficial translation

List of 57 quarantine pests¹

nn	International name of quarantine pests
1	<i>Cydia prunivora</i> Wals.
2	<i>Malacosoma americanum</i> Fabr.
3	<i>Melanotus communis</i> Gyll
4	<i>Caryedon gonagra</i> Fabr.
5	<i>Opogona sacchari</i> Bojer
6	<i>Choristoneura conflictana</i> Walk
7	<i>Zabrotes subfasciatus</i> Boh.
8	<i>Cydia packardi</i> Zell.
9	<i>Rhagoletis cingulata</i> Loew
10	<i>Dryocosmus kuriphilus</i> Yas.
11	<i>Bactrocera dorsalis</i> Hend.
12	<i>Aculops fuchsiae</i> Keifer
13	<i>Cacoecimorpha pronubana</i> Hubn.
14	<i>Malacosoma parallella</i> Staud
15	<i>Maconellicoccus hirsutus</i> Green
16	<i>Anthonomus signatus</i> Say
17	<i>Diabrotica undecimpunctata</i> Man
18	<i>Dinoderus bifoveolatus</i> Woll.
19	<i>Aleurocanthus spiniferus</i> Quaint
20	<i>Pissodes nemorensis</i> Germ
21	<i>Malacosoma disstria</i> Hub.
22	<i>Oligonychus perditus</i> Pritchard & Baker
23	<i>Choristoneura rosaceana</i> Har.

¹ The Russian version of the List contains both Russian and Latin names of quarantine pests

24	<i>Pissodes strobi</i> (Peck.)
25	<i>Pissodes terminalis</i> Hopp.
26	<i>Aeolesthes sarta</i> Sols.)
27	<i>Cronartium fusiforme</i> Hed. & Hunt ex Cum.
28	<i>Phellinus weirii</i> (Murrill) R.L. Gilbertson
29	<i>Endocronartium harknessii</i> (J.P. Moore) Y. Hiratsuka
30	<i>Neovossia indica</i> (Mitra) Mundkur (=Tilletia indica Mitra)
31	<i>Mycosphaerella gibsonii</i> H.C. Evans
32	<i>Gymnosporangium asiaticum</i> Miyabe ex Yamada
33	<i>Melampsora medusae</i> Thumen
34	<i>Chrysomyxa arctostaphyli</i> Dietel
35	<i>Gymnosporangium yamadae</i> Miyabe ex Yamada
36	<i>Cronartium quercuum</i> (Berkeley) Miyabe ex Shirai
37	<i>Mycosphaerella laricis-leptolepidis</i> K. Ito, K. Sato & M.Ota
38	<i>Ceratocystis fimbriata</i> Ellis & Halsted f.sp. platani Walter
39	<i>Phialophora cinerescens</i> (Wollenweber) van Beyma
40	<i>Phoma andigena</i> Turkensteen
41	<i>Burkholderia caryophylli</i> (Burkholder) Yabuuchi et al.
42	<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> Wells et al.
43	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>Hyacinthi</i> (Wakker) Dovson.
44	<i>Chrysanthemum stunt</i> pospoviroid
45	Cherry little cherry closterovirus (non-European)
46	Potato yellow vein crinivirus
47	Strawberry latent C virus
48	Potato black ringspot nepovirus
49	Potato yellow dwarf nucleorhabdovirus
50	<i>Chrysanthemum stem necrosis</i> tospovirus
51	<i>Meloidogyne enterolobii</i>
52	<i>Nacobbus aberrans</i> (Thorne) Thorne & Allen (Sensu lato))
53	<i>Aphelenchoides besseyi</i> Christie
54	<i>Heterodera glycines</i> Ichinohe
55	<i>Bidens bipinnata</i> L.
56	<i>Monochamus impulsivus</i> Mot.
57	<i>Monochamus nitens</i> Bates